

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  VECTREN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-61 WRU-00-84-3518
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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION, CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,  
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued January 22, 2001)

On December 5, 2000, Vectren Communications Services, Inc. (Vectren), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide statewide facilities-based and resold local exchange services. Vectren proposes to offer local exchange service in the exchanges served by Qwest Corporation (Qwest), Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), and Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier-Iowa). The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-00-61. Vectren has provided the qualifications of its company officers and financial statements and commits to providing dialing parity on both intraLATA and interLATA basis by implementing a 2-PIC pre-subscription methodology.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant

"possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest."

The Board has reviewed Vectren's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. The Board finds that it is consistent with the public interest to approve the application.

Vectren also states that its service area will mirror the service territory of Qwest, Iowa Telecom, and Frontier-Iowa and the exchange and service area maps as they are currently filed and as they may be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have on file with the Board maps, which show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Vectren has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the exchange maps of the three companies.

Vectren has requested that the Board waive the requirements of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(2). The waiver requests were identified as Docket No. WRU-00-84-3518.

Vectren requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires the keeping of records according to the uniform system of accounts. Vectren states that it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles

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(GAAP). The Board finds that this waiver should be granted, since records kept in

undue hardship for such companies to keep a separate set of books just for Iowa, to maintain a separate office in Iowa, and to publish a directory for just their customers. The Board finds there are no substantial legal rights of any person that are affected by these waivers, and there is no statute that specifically mandates the actions waived. Additionally, the Board finds that there will be substantial equal protection for health, safety, and welfare provided since the actions waived will be completed under different circumstances.

Vectren has not filed proposed tariffs for Board approval setting out the service and rates for providing local exchange service. The Board finds that a certificate should not be issued to Vectren until it has approved tariffs.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Vectren Communications Services, Inc., on December 5, 2000, is approved, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. The Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Vectren Communications Services, Inc., to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange service upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa. At the time Vectren Communications Services, Inc., files proposed tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers.

3. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the exchanges of Qwest Corporation, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, and Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc., is approved.

4. The waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(2) is granted as described in this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2001